

Martin Sherrin:

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"King's Cross"

Robert Frost: "Having invented a new Holocaust/  
and been the first to use it in a war / How quick  
tho' one to cross their fingers and say / King's Cross!  
No <sup>faire</sup> ~~faire~~ to use it any more."

read first chapter of Bayan, "By the Bank's Early  
Night."

MS: AF Historians are saying to historians: "Who am I?  
I am me! You're telling me I'm wrong." (Lipton cartoon:  
bird: "All of a sudden, I had this wonderful feeling,  
'I am me!'" other bird: "You were wrong.")

MS first reaction to idea of putting Enola Gay  
on display for 50th Anniversary of Hiroshima — "Aargh!  
Terrible idea! Just the wrong message."

Roth: Room of Enola Gay wreath on Arizona,  
US Pres present wreath at Hiroshima.

Lost for, MS invited to advisory meeting: but 1st draft.

Summoned by: AF Historians, Hist. of National  
Park System, Richard Rhodes

MS said: "This exhibit is built around glorification  
of Enola Gay and its mission. Even though you have made  
a good faith effort to provide balance, no one will pay  
any attention to that [panels on wall — vs. plane.]  
[begin]

"Counter to MS' argument was that Room 3 would present  
artifacts from Hiroshima — watches frozen at 8:15.

Exhibit was too worshipped. Quote of MS in Wash Post:  
Any display of E.G. is obscene; amounts to a celebration."



Script went to

USAF Hist. seized on statement that there was a debate on

If the <sup>on p.5</sup> found a statement that "most historians  
[MIS-QUOTED]

Politicization of history:  
"This is exactly what we criticize the Soviets for <sup>[though, yes]</sup>  
doing during the CW, [and the ~~former~~ for doing  
in their textbooks]

What they wanted: 1. <sup>add</sup> extend history backward, to  
"balance" atrocities, provide context;

2) demand that things be removed:

(a) sentence about 'debate' ["What debate?"

[or that debate has  
largely been resolved, against

3d draft omits that sentence; but MS pointed  
out Ralph Borsal memorandum to SecWar - must  
give ~~former~~ 2-3 days warning." If that  
removed.

He <sup>quote is</sup> ~~memos~~: removed.

Keady ~~memos~~: I was against war & said so...  
Removed.

MS: I find that appalling.

[PICKETS: With posters, showing quotes: CENSORED.



"Harris had been good. He will be picked out, as soon as can be done gently. No one will care: left will say he sold out.

[cf: - argument about Reps of Nanjing

coming of  
Shanghai:  
Kest Harrison  
1932-33

- short f. notes in news  
- f. Cabinet minutes.

- "war of aggression"?

- beliefs of Fursell, Hatfield - ... sound by life  
debate over numbers of cos.

- Glasnost:

see "The World at War series:

Part 24 - The Bomb, Feb - Sept 1945

see McElroy interview: We should tell Japanese  
about Bomb ( 3 no a

Green: radical anti-Communist: wanted to end war  
as soon as possible

"There's a debate in the <sup>top</sup> Cabinet: first of war and  
then first of peace. If we modify UCS,  
but the Emp Emperor

Stimson said - "We have the Bomb...." [so?]

Don't do this till we have used it." [or tested it?]

If we not had had Bomb, "What responsible  
official would not have modified terms - and ended war?"



Hirsch

MS: WSV has had a series of articles attacking  
the Smithsonian: says the loan had small exhibit  
that were "PC" and anti-American: a West, and on  
Martin? Hoffman; wrote one of these, debated MS:  
"Smithsonian should be America's attr; should  
show spirit of St. Louis without country...  
MS: This is not the way curators approach their job...

Sam Mendelsohn: In WCP, we are asking for Court to  
affirm that <sup>use of</sup> never violate existing law.

Ct thought: just asking for Court to give opinion  
on legality

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Markusen: see article of Everett C. Hughes,  
"Good people and doing work."

Slotten: "The West as America" - National Gallery  
of Art, assoc. w. Smithsonian.

as head of... NEH?

George Will: "Lyndon Cheney should be seen as  
Secretary of Domestic Defense - vs. more dangerous  
any than the Armed forces as Sec. Def."



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Wesley: What memorialization would not be a celebration?

MS: I want to see Clinton lay a wreath at Hiroshima  
as ~~symbol~~ <sup>expression</sup>...  
[I'm giving him a sword, so he can commit hara-kiri.]

[Need to have new educational campaign, before there is an attempt at memorialization!]

Are we sending a message, or a victory/  
a solution / a triumph?

[What if official account were true?

Could we then convince US public that  
they were nevertheless wrong to (have) approved (d)  
the Bomb? NO

[MBC: you couldn't approve our row — pass. of  
opening the door to total destruction.

(But "you" could, in regional war — for some  
kind of ~~actual~~ <sup>actual</sup> motives as actual USG motives, then  
+ later — as well as for alleged/hypothetical motives  
("saving lives").

And for:

[De-legitimizing Bomb (MBC)

- Understandable motives — as basis for expectations
  - appropriate fear (of policy,  
of an on policy)
  - proper urgency

Halt: "We can't simply attack a myth — we have to  
disprove it."

- "History is always contested turf. Our problem is that  
we're losing this contest... govt is opposing us



Wiosna

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= C-II! Need to conceal facts that  
with a concession<sup>per VCS</sup> deal would the war! per VCS  
(No war crime trial for Emperor  
no deposing of Emperor)

2) Allied action (SU) had ended war!

as: Turkish deal / C-II (see Rusk, et al  
in 1983)

and = Horvath Building

vs. (early demand for MW

assurance Nat. Research.

To end war by <sup>allowing</sup> Emperor to remain  
would have caused a controversy, attacks:

(Was exp. if Bole would be available  
later - to threaten, war!)

Kidner, to end war by warning of SU entry  
would have given role to SU in ~~planning~~ <sup>planning</sup> the  
summit, perhaps in occupation.

(It would look as if Japanese made  
venture to us because of SU entry).

"Wf 2d Bole?" Wf not? Same reason as  
1000-~~year~~ <sup>year</sup> raid

also, belief it would take at least  
several Bole to have any effect on Japanese

(shows we had more than one; and one or two  
still - could wait to see...! wouldn't run  
that much, in  
context of letting  
program,  
if we could!

When are "bloodthirsty"? No - indifferent - see reading, the  
what mid. were saying it was "necessary"?



Harold

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-Veteran, being "His. was a crime - it wasn't  
necessary, or justified", hear [give this understanding of truth,  
and of what others believe]  
"It wasn't justified to save your life;  
your life didn't matter enough to justify  
killing Japanese non-combatants."

and: "You are right, should be ashamed, for  
being grateful and glad that your life was spared  
at the expense of these others."

and, "It hadn't caused punishment."

U For Americans, Bomb was - and is - a tragic  
necessity, a painful (to others) necessity, a lesser  
evil - or not evil at all, but a BLESSING, an  
evidence of (God's) grace, to be grateful for and to,  
to be worshipped, to "find something in."

[Proof: We "won the war"!] ]

"If it had been necessary, to avoid invasion, they would  
have approved it. Would you, or not?"

If not: are you (not) condemning them (along with me,  
and best)  
are you not 'outside the bounds  
of verbal discussion'?"

\* Sterner quotes (?) : "Don't trust a God in  
the image and likeness of the ruling class;  
"monotheism is imperialistic."

Today in NPT: Cath Church decides, "Women can't  
have high office, or be priests, because Jesus chose  
only male ~~disciples~~ apostles."



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Kathy Bateman:

Tell me alternative versions of your  
life story. The continuities;  
The discontinuities.

{ The success stories,

{ The conversion narrative, (as in 12-step groups;  
therapy; born-again Christianity)  
(My Mine is both

Puzzles; convergence, understanding.

a

Allen  
Wheelis

On survivors' stories: there's always two stories:  
a victimization story; and a survival story.

- Getting more freedom from the past, by  
telling alternative stories of the past, imagining  
alternative futures that are not determined by  
the past.

"We're all making it up as we go along."

Composing a life teaches: "The uncertainties of my life are not a failure,  
they are creative."

We're improvising.

"No War on Poverty - It's not a war you can win, and be finished with; it's like  
housekeeping, child-rearing, MAINTENANCE." Never finished.

(She questions trying to evoke a sense of sin  
in Americans;

So do I: I want to evoke a sense that  
we good <sup>meaning</sup> people have done and that we are  
capable of evil acts, and that we should <sup>must</sup>  
stop doing them, stop preparing to do them,  
purpose not to do the acts and to abstain  
and resist others doing them.

I am a few - a Jewish ex-Christian who has heard  
the Gandhian message: resist evil non-violently,  
without <sup>along with</sup> evil  
non-evil, truthfully.



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Working Group on "Hiroshima and American Consciousness"

Phyllis' Op Ed in CAT national Putnam -

who

Present: Cathy Conant, Hugo Mitchell, Kori Grinker, Saul Mendelsohn, Bob Kipton,

May Harvey, Judith Herman, DE, MBG [Eric Marlowe, Kari Erickson: "count us in" [Ruth Rosner, Richard Slotkin]

Michael  
Heggen

Peter Jennings at ABC is doing something in August.

~~Also~~ ABC Turning Point - but PV is doing something - he went to Hiroshima in '85 - created a story. "This is what happened

asked Putnam to send out the

- Kori

Met a Japanese exhibition in the Canon

EIKOH NOSOE Photograph

Source

Watfield mounted first

- PSR as Institutional base for this:

"PSR letter represents

RL: Our letter is a little different: look at raw nerve, deal sympathetically with overall psychological

may have

- Nagasaki

RL: There is a standard American resistance to recognizing the reality of the bomb

Mitchell: Have empathy for the ~~historical~~ fact that victims weren't told at the time - they were misled, & are misled.



Letter to

talk to  
Friedman

Indian, Bloomington: Assoc. of Historians  
American Historical Assoc.

Letter to

? - Frank-ino RC: exhibit middle-of-road  
academies

? National Academy of Sciences: Rtd Adms +

? - How exploit best projects: before they come up:  
metaball

? - Put on a conference for C-span to cover.

Flynn: With the election coming up,

Nancy Kassebaum's Res. against Smith. revisions passed  
"unanimously"

(Ga) [- Educate Hatfield']

[G

GM: Except for one NPT, all reporting, eds, columns on this  
have

[Oppose Brinkley Shaw. (all 4 demand Smith.)  
Will - "These guys at Smith."

(us, FU)

V

[Recall Will at time of Gulf War: "Wf not use  
uses to save American lives - like Hiroshima?" TO CHENEY  
[US CELEBRATES ITS FIRST-USE!]



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May: What would (any) success be?  
That question shall to be asked

May - Do something international.

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[TALK TO PETE STARK ~~about~~ - paper  
AND GOLOSTEIN

Frederick: At OAH - we're trying to internationalize  
(What do others think of US?)

Bring in foreign academics

get 2, 3, 4th  
rights

Lori: A COUNTER-EXHIBIT - SF?  
(BY CAMPAIGN 1995? IN NEW YORK, APRIL; THEN TO WASH  
including all personnel from  
Smithson.

Frederick will approach OAH and AHA.

CATALOG to hand out with exhibition.

HAVE MAYOR OF HIROSHIMA COOPERATE WITH  
SMITHSONIAN OUR EXHIBIT (he isn't, with Smith.)

(Harden - on street. Boring exhibit?  
Hardenberg

GM: Harriet is very sensitive to protest against exhibit.  
He regretted that past exhibits that deserved protest.



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- Confusion of those who signed original  
petition - but plus Rotblat...

- ROTBLAT  
(Fugate?)

- RUSSIAN MP? My advisors?

- JAPANESE HISTORIANS + Japanese media, journalists  
End of the war!

- Anniversary of Tokyo Bombing  
Dresden

Recall: Blitz / Coventry  
SHANGHAI;

- Int.  
Society for Translational Stress Studies  
issue of news-lit

- JOANNA MACY

Macy: Recall veterans returning at Normandy

### NEXT 50 YEARS

- REPRINT IN HARPER'S THE STIMSON ARTICLE -  
WITH WHAT WAS LEFT OUT - AND CONANT, ETC.  
COMMENTS. JOHN A. MACARTHUR, Publisher  
Land mobility

~~MacArthur~~



Media:

Mitchell: Put on TV, ~~the~~ National Archives, main  
column

black & white footage, could up

File in with Sherry on Radiation Experiments

[ Could DOE release new stuff? O'Keefe

tenured OE, wrote a book on Hiroshima

NOBEL PRIZE

[ Mitchell: Have "our consensus" of historians sign a  
joint letter to all editors, etc. on "real consensus"  
on issues, offering to discuss  
(Brid-Alper. letter?)

[ MS on Alpern: GA book starts, "When FDR died & hst  
became Pres, US policy on SU and A-bomb shifted radically."

Theme of MS book is that the theme of policy was all

MEG

Check with Ruth Adams soon.]

laid down under FDR - continuing.

However, GA on the "Strategy of Postponement"  
is right - postpone of summit till the A-bomb  
was tested.



SCOTCH

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[How and how function of frontier (purphy) differ  
from roll of purphy in empire: "bonanzas can only be achieved  
of savage war. "Pioneering presents capitalization in its most  
appealing form. Real estate

Exploitation of cheap labor is sought; lands  
"liberated" by Indian removal were cultivated by African  
slave labor; railroads built by Chinese immigrants.

"Social violence is projected outward toward "the  
that are not people": Indians + Africans.

"The Man Who Knows Indians" [EGL; Scotton;

Knows that Indians cannot be trusted; anything is at stake; to lose is horror;  
savagery must be fought by savage means.



Cf. Those (Cathy Raters, Walter Rind) who believe  
that this way have been necessary to give people an  
appropri. concern/fear for the Bank.

2) But what came out of that?

What effect on our race, since?

b) Do there now people happen also to  
believe, like Morrison/Trip (WWK?) that "the  
next explosion" will lead to disaster?

c) Rather believing is like that of Communist & Oppress, on  
this.

d) Why would it work better than in 1945-?



- ← Ch. Region is protecting FDR/hot in the  
 guise of protecting Tibetans' rights.  
 (and "invasion troops" - defining notion  
 of saving th at cost of Japanese lives).

[Explicit on strat. bombing.

you want bombing? OK, US bombing conceded.  
 (Munich in Blitz? losses?) But...  
show effects of all: Shanghai '32; Nanking...

Debate on strat. bombing. (+ massacre)  
 Also

Ver. "Munich's Belle"

- Description of Hiroshima/Nag is as great  
 as would Tokyo Gulf.

- Bombs used on an enemy civ. pop. of an  
 enemy known to be defeated [Dresden]  
 - ready to surrender on terms acceptable to us, the  
same

SECRETS

- // - Justifiable not to reveal we could reveal  
 Japanese codes, during war (see Midway)  
 (+ "reveal" not to reveal this after war?  
 Who did we? Pearl Harbor warnings?  
 But effect <sup>cost</sup> is like not revealing U2 during  
 "missile gap" debate!  
 Effects of <sup>very serious</sup> "ignorance, fear, worst-case"  
 is not as great as supposed (as vs McN's claim,  
 for 1961 AUM decisions) - just want it all!  
 But effect of not revealing the... [for anthropologists, Japanese  
 efforts...]



JFK = C-II: "If I'm ready to Trade Just.  
missile — no need to missile / attack!"

= best: If I'm ready to keep Emperor — probe.  
no need to missile

[if Emperor remains in command]

pop. with SU enters...

[There was a chance mission would be  
needed, to get the vegetables to us

(perhaps by dropped mission would get  
the vegetables to them!)

But then, would 2-12 A-bombs have gotten  
a surprise?! (If pop. any in charge?!

How?

15 fur at 5 931-3819

415-455-7612 beeper

2 3110, 4

fur 2150-3110



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Stothin: A good poem has to be in bad taste; it has to invite a snicker <sup>(?)</sup> about what we know we are supposed to feel (grieve) about. It has to reject sentimentality of conventional

"We've invested so much in WWII it seems a shame to miss it."

(American Noise, by Campbell McGrath)

Mitchell: other aspects of Am. culture have all avoided Hiroshima. Few movies, novels — "if you know one,"  
[I mention Cat's Cradle — GM says, it starts with notion of writing about Aug 6, 1945.]

May: Nagasaki demonstrates the lie — "The willingness to do it again," for the hell of it — "Hiroshima was enough" [or it ought have been — to demonstrate the power —

Mayor of Nagasaki: "It's like winning second prize at a county fair."

BJ: "Publisher said, 'A Place Called Nagasaki'"

RL: "Nag was 'blind man's bluff,' was ('<sup>top</sup> life is cheap")  
[readiness <sup>prob. used</sup> to drop 12+ bombs]

RS: focus on Nag — break the frame.



QB: Seems is a contributor to an atrociously-  
producing situation;  
lack of debate

Catharine Bateman

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IV H,

Her mother, Margaret Mead, had children draw pictures of Hiroshima;

MCB

Draw a series of pictures of view -  
from how it looks from the sea, from the plane, and:

"This is how it looks to the people in Hiroshima."

"I'd want to be there in a minute - but  
this is how it looks to the people just  
before it hits."

Earlier, at V-E Day, (MCB was 5) her mother explained  
that it did not mean Daddy was coming home; there were  
two theaters of war, Eur + Pac - This was news to MCB -  
and he was in Pacific. (Burma?)

In a car that fall, one boy said, "I'm going to  
hit you with 10 atom bombs"; another said, "I'm going to  
hit you with 1000 atom bombs." MCB said: "One would  
be enough."

Margaret Mead said later (over-stated): on news of  
Hiroshima, I tore up what I was working on."

(MCB: she wasn't one for throwing drafts away.)



From American Savage Wars - a series  
distortion - or use of slave labor, or of corporate  
corruption + manipulation

Progressive myth (TR) are men who can master the  
instruments of forcible coercion -

knows our vigilantes - skilled in the arts of  
violence - groups of individuals

act outside and against the law,

NAK

Ku Klux Klan (positive model of the '20's  
privileged use of violence outside of legal restraints  
for social ends

[Dief Ham, Lethal Weapon, (Bushman Jones?)  
Rando - style of a populist outlaw, in pursuit of  
authentic ends.

NAK, IV, Ryan as Men Who Know Fictions.

For JFK + LBJ, the counterpart to the frontier was the  
cheap oil of the ME.

Savage Other: Enemy who cannot be negotiated with, only destroyed.

[Look of war films in VN

(rather, an enthusiasm of Western with CI themes:  
Magnificent Seven - Gun Bunch;

"In savage war, genocide is often our work, but that  
of the savage other - so we must preempt them

[vs. Nazis, this was not paranoid, for Szilard; vs.  
vs. Stalin; but AVW's views of SU leaders' willingness to suffer 20M  
Central America, Indonesia as 'savage war.'"]  
cos. → PROTECTION



[Yet, an imagined projection of SC leaders -  
Kutis' Bolsheviks - who were, like HK, prepared  
to sacrifice 20M "again" -

1973: ~~the~~ "Last year of VN, of N (?) was last year  
of Western till 1992 (coming back).

- New mythology - will have to reflect a different  
set of memories...

Admiral Rich: acknowledge, "This we have done,  
to our sorrow

... we have saved war

[PS: We may reconstitute the language of  
socialism - The Bill Curre. It's brought back;

We sold the American Dream to ... the Indians...  
they're having it.

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Stoicism: The way we think about the future [and the  
present?] affects the way we understand the past,  
its possibilities [blame]

apocalyptic — to reveal, disclose (<sup>Greek</sup> the divine: the already  
revealed future, to  
which we have access  
in prophecy.)  
and  
seemingly association of  
absolute, terrifying, violence  
Daniel, Revelation  
[prophetic events!]

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equilibrium

of an unfolding out of chaos of history to  
redemption, though time of violence  
influenced early Jewish tribes, then Christianity.



John Fodor, 240-44

Does Krishna allow (after 1968?) for learning from experience? + responding "better" to some situation (which is not the same as my before — even if it seems to be (Transference, myth, illusion) — yet maybe enough alike that you do get a second chance, a chance to do better than you would have if you had not had the "experience" and "learned" from it / been changed by / after it ...

Compare this to "transference" — "attempt at undoing, rectification. I even happen, can't happen, says Krishna.

Maybe "rectification" is: turning earlier error / injustice / fuck-up into a useful learning / teaching experience, perhaps necessary, anyway, helpful, valuable: thus, undoing its status as failure, wrong and compensating you for past pain ...  
+ perhaps others

Vomagott's notion of howers "learn" purpose (Heaven's will) and what dead.

My life, like David's, is an attempt to describe experiences (mostly hardships) of the past ...

Perhaps point being "target" me, even not over, is:  
— you don't know what your close associates really want, or really up to ... [mother, wife, bosses, friends...]  
or what "they" (bosses) will use / make of what you offer / suggest / do ...  
(or what real efforts will be ...)

[SEE SARTRE,  
THE WALL]





Strozier: The way we think about the future [and the present?] affects the way we understand the past, its possibilities [blame]

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Nazis: redemptive violence. 1000-year Reich.

Fundamentalist ideology: remnant; suffering, in end-time; rapture

Manifest Destiny — Christianity, Apocalyptic

Strozier: In apocalyptic imagery there is great potential for malice: the irredeemable evil of the Other, the unbelievers — who will be subject to God's vengeance.  
 [Jesus' message is to give up human revenge — "Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord" — but conformed with prophecy of God's vengeance.]

[On Kissel as apocalyptic — "Would Kissel have dropped Bomb? — see his support of Sherman — USAF/S.B. — Nissolin, "The Weizley, American Way of War," ; but need not understand THREAT OF TERRORISM]

Deterrence comes out of notion of punishment (official measured, procedurally-restrained revenge) for crime [DO I SEE IMMINENT CATASTROPHE AS JUDGMENT, PUNISHMENT? — E.G. THE ACCIDENT [MONKEY'S PAUL FOR ACCEPTING MY PUNISHMENT LIBERATION] Estimation: I foresee this, kind w. it, upon accident]